

MOTU MAKES HIS MARK; BAGRIE-HOWLEY CONTINUES NO.1 FORM

Sixteen year old David Motu has won his first Professional Bowls Association qualifying tournament winning the Auckland qualifier for the Scottish Singles last weekend. Motu had one match win in each of his first two seasons but found the PBA's move to the Royal Oak club to his liking defeating four opponents including a titanic struggle with two drawn sets against the wily Bay of Plenty campaigner Graham Skellern in the semifinal, and a recovery from a big loss in the second set of the final against North Harbour debutante Trish Croot to win in a tiebreak 8-6, 4-12, 2-0. Motu featured in the news last month on the green with his world champion boxing mum Mea Motu.

Taranaki's John Roberts came back from a five-year break from PBA to upset Whanganui international player Gavin Scrivener in the final of the Scottish Singles qualifier at the Paritutu Club in New Plymouth 8-7, 2-8, 2-0. Scrivener was fresh off a good performance in the Trans-Tasman Challenge in Perth narrowly missing being the top kiwi on countback. This will be Roberts' second visit to a PBA Finals Weekend previously featuring in 2017.

There were two PBA qualifiers played at the Hopes Dunedin Bowls Stadium. The final of the UK Singles qualifier will be completed on August 20 between Southland's Bryan Harvey and former coordinator Ken Walker. The Scottish Singles was played right through with 2022 year end number one and best kiwi in the recent Challenge against PBA Australia Sheldon Bagrie-Howley defeating Central Otago's Ethan Flynn 11-4, 9-9. It was a big weekend for Flynn in his second season of PBA also reaching the semifinals of the UK Singles qualifier. Correcting the preview article a week ago, Dunedin has its own Robbie Ashton so was not hosting any travellers from Wellington.

The final of the Scottish Singles qualifier at the Waverley Club in Invercargill saw David Bean beat Thomas Cockerill 9-7, 11-10. Bean had previously lost three qualifier or ranking singles finals before making this breakthrough win and came through a tough draw including Bruce Ross, Craig Merrilees and Brent Thomson on the way to the final.

Information including an application form, entry forms, dates and venues for the NZ PBA can be found on the worldbowlstour.org site under PBA – New Zealand though beware on the Hastings entry forms, the last weekend has been pushed back to 26 and 27 August.

Results:

Royal Oak Club, Auckland

Shanghai Singles Qualifier

Final: Sean Mulholland (North Harbour) 31 bt Neil Fisher (Auckland) 29 and Garry Cotter (Waikato) 28.

Sean Mulholland will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Ranking Singles

1st round: Sean Mulholland bt Mark Pene 11-2, 11-6; Garry Cotter bt Steve Ramsay 13-1, 6-4; Mark Griffiths bt Steve Cox 8-6, 9-8; Neil Fisher bt Trish Croot 11-4, 12-0; Shaun Goldsbury bt Judy Smith 8-6, 8-3; Keiko Kurohara bt Sacha Taylor 8-8, 8-7; David Eades bt Phil Taylor 9-8, 10-5.

2nd round: Cotter bt Mulholland 8-6, 9-5; N.Fisher bt Griffiths 11-7, 1-12, 2-1; Goldsbury bt Kurohara 5-7, 10-5, 2-0; Eades bt Doug Thomas 7-7, 10-5; Nick Thompson bt Kevin Judson 10-4, 12-1; Brian Wilson bt Rima Strickland 11-4, 2-11, 2-0; Graham Skellern bt Janine Young 8-6, 2-11, 2-1; Ian Fisher bt Colin Rogan 8-3, 2-8, 2-1.

Quarterfinals: Cotter bt N.Fisher 12-1, 12-2; Goldsbury bt Eades 6-5, 8-6; Thompson bt Wilson 6-9, 12-2, 2-1; I.Fisher bt Skellern 9-4, 10-5.

Semifinals: Goldsbury bt Cotter 4-8, 11-0, 2-0; Thompson bt I.Fisher 13-0, 8-1.

Final: Nick Thompson (Auckland) bt Shaun Goldsbury (North Harbour) 15-0, 8-6.

Scottish Singles Qualifier

1st round: Trish Croot bt Ryan Hill 8-5, 7-4; Steve Cox bt Ian Fisher 8-6, 7-3; Colin Rogan bt Rima Strickland 9-7, 7-5; Nick Thompson bt Doug Thomas 5-8, 10-1, 2-1; Garry Cotter bt Mark Griffiths 12-6, 10-6; Shaun Goldsbury bt Mark Pene 8-7, 7-4; Steve Ramsay bt Sean Mulholland 7-6, 10-6; Phil Taylor bt Neil Fisher 12-10, 6-5; Keiko Kurohara bt Janine Young 7-8, 7-3, 2-0; Graham Skellern bt David Eades 8-7, 6-6; Kevin Judson bt Sandra Taylor 11-6, 3-8, 2-0.

2nd round: Croot bt Cox 7-6, 6-6; Thompson bt Rogan 10-4, 3-9, 2-0; Cotter bt Goldsbury 8-8, 7-5; P.Taylor bt Ramsay 6-5, 11-5; Skellern bt Kurohara 9-4, 6-5; Liam Hill bt Judson 8-5, 7-6; David Motu bt Brian Wilson 10-5, 9-6; Logan Clark bt Allan Stewart 6-6, 8-8, 2-1.

Quarterfinals: Croot bt Thompson 3-10, 12-11, 2-0; Cotter bt P.Taylor 8-3, 7-11, 2-0; Skellern bt L.Hill 9-6, 9-8; Motu bt Clark 6-5, 10-5.

Semifinals: Croot bt Cotter 4-9, 10-3, 2-1; Motu bt Skellern 6-6, 7-7, 2-1.

Final: David Motu (Auckland) bt Trish Croot (North Harbour) 8-6, 4-12, 2-0.

David Motu will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Paritutu Club, New Plymouth

Shanghai Singles Qualifier

Final: Craig De Faria (Taranaki) 31 bt John Cottam (Taranaki) 16 & Kevan Sellers (Taranaki) 9.

Craig De Faria will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Ranking Singles

1st round: John Roberts bt Kaylin Huwyler 5-10, 9-6, 2-0; Craig De Faria bt Phil Huwyler 14-0, 10-1; Bryan Gibson bt Steve Muller 11-5, 7-8, 2-1; Darren Wright bt Kevan Sellers 7-2, 5-11, 2-1; Gavin Scrivener bt Kevin Gledhill 12-5, 10-0; Phil Corney bt James Bragger 9-7, 13-3; Bruce Mummery bt Ken Mair 12-5, 11-6; John Cottam bt Moana Mair 9-4, 11-5.

2nd round: De Faria bt Roberts 9-8, 10-3; Wright bt Gibson 5-13, 7-5, 2-0; Corney bt Scrivener 8-8, 10-3; Mummery bt J.Cottam 13-1, 9-1; Aidan Zittersteijn bt Ian Andrews 10-4, 9-9; Wayne Hawkes bt Noel Bracken 13-5, 4-9, 2-1; John Kane bt Peter Vink 7-6, 8-5; Nathan Goodin bt Kristin Stampa 9-4, 7-6.

Quarterfinals: De Faria bt Wright 10-3, 7-5; Mummery bt Corney 11-6, 10-4; Zittersteijn bt Hawkes 11-3, 11-7; Goodin bt Kane 14-1, 9-4.
Semifinals: De Faria bt Mummery 9-4, 11-4; Zittersteijn bt Goodin 7-2, 7-4.
Final: Aidan Zittersteijn (Taranaki) bt Craig De Faria (Taranaki) 10-5, 5-7, 2-0.

Scottish Singles Qualifier

1st round: Peter Vink bt Moana Mair 9-9, 10-5; Steve Muller bt Kaylin Huwyler 9-9, 9-4; John Cottam bt Kevan Sellers 10-7, 6-7, 2-0; Darren Wright bt Bryan Gibson 11-4, 9-6; Gavin Scrivener bt Craig De Faria 8-8, 12-3; Ian Andrews bt Kevin Gledhill 9-4, 7-6; Bruce Mummery bt Aidan Zittersteijn 7-5, 12-3; John Kane bt James Bragger 6-7, 13-5, 2-1.

2nd round: Vink bt Muller 5-7, 10-5, 2-1; Cottam bt Wright 7-2, 4-11, 2-1; Scrivener bt Andrews 10-6, 11-9; Kane bt Mummery 0-13, 12-7, 2-1; John Roberts bt Ken Mair 15-1, 7-6; Kristin Stampa bt Wayne Hawkes 9-5, 7-3; Noel Bracken bt Phil Corney 10-5, 6-7, 2-0; Nathan Goodin bt Phil Huwyler 13-2, 9-5.
Quarterfinals: Cottam bt Vink 8-3, 9-2; Scrivener bt Kane 10-7, 9-4; Roberts bt Stampa 9-8, 8-4; Bracken bt Goodin 6-7, 9-3, 2-1.

Semifinals: Scrivener bt Cottam 10-1, 12-2; Roberts bt Bracken 11-5, 12-1.
Final: John Roberts (Taranaki) bt Gavin Scrivener (Whanganui) 8-7, 2-8, 2-0.
John Roberts will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Naenae Club, Wellington

Shanghai Singles Qualifier

Final: Blake Signal (Wellington) bt Rozanna Muriwai (Wairarapa) 26 and Pam Mulford (Wellington) 19.
Blake Signal will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Hopes Dunedin Bowls Stadium

Shanghai Singles Qualifier

Final: Nick Buttar (Central Otago) 31 bt Gareth Seddon (Dunedin) 27 and Brent McEwan (Dunedin) 21.
Nick Buttar will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

UK Singles Qualifier

1st round: Peter Fleury bt Moana Oliver 7-6, 6-9, 2-1; Jeff Nowell bt David Charlton 12-2, 7-2; Adam McGregor bt Carl Street 9-4, 10-9; Cameron Wood bt Tommy McGregor 8-7, 9-3; Murray Wilson bt J.P Kritzinger 10-5, 6-8, 2-1; Ross Brown bt Grant Simpson 10-8, 11-8; Brent McEwan bt Mitchell Cook by default; Brent Webster bt Anna Louw 8-4, 11-3; Graham Cook bt Oliver Mason 6-10, 11-5, 2-0; Niel Louw bt Lou Robinson 9-3, 10-3; Tane Loper bt Cameron McKean 7-6, 9-9; Ethan Flynn bt William McEwan 10-1, 10-6; Sheldon Bagrie-Howley bt Jason King 13-8, 8-8; Russell Dawe bt Grant Fleury 12-2, 6-7, 2-0; Mitchell Scott bt Alister Young 6-5, 1-13, 2-1; Liam O'Connor bt Robbie Ashton 7-5, 12-3; Andrew McCallum bt Robbie Green 10-5, 13-0; Nigel Thompson bt Sue Smeaton 10-1, 11-7; Ken Walker bt Sacha Taylor 12-4, 12-3; Martin Kreft bt Hilda Bennett 13-0, 8-2; Andrew Smaill bt Neville Ward 9-8, 11-4; Brent Taggart bt Gareth Seddon 3-12, 10-9, 2-0; John Moana bt Bruce McDowell 8-4, 7-7.

2nd round: Bryan Harvey bt David Natta 4-10, 10-4, 2-1; Nick Buttar bt Dean Matheson 7-7, 15-0; David Chisholm bt Bill Hinton 4-10, 8-7, 2-0; Louise Natta bt Chris Simpson 2-11, 10-6, 2-1; Nowell bt P.Fleury 15-9, 16-0; Wood bt A.McGregor 3-10, 12-10, 2-0; Brown bt Wilson 7-6, 10-2; Webster bt B.McEwan 9-7, 3-12, 2-1; G.Cook bt N.Louw 8-8, 6-4; Flynn bt Loper 10-9, 9-4; Bagrie-Howley bt Dawe 7-4, 9-8; O'Connor bt Scott 5-5, 10-5; Thompson bt McCallum 8-3, 2-13, 2-0; Walker bt Kreft 12-7, 7-3; Smaill bt Taggart 6-6, 9-8; Moana bt Brett 9-8, 12-9.

3rd round: Harvey bt Buttar 13-8, 4-7, 2-0; Chisholm bt L.Natta 9-6, 11-3; Nowell bt Wood 13-2, 9-5; Brown bt Webster 11-6, 6-6; Flynn bt G.Cook 8-7, 9-9; O'Connor bt Bagrie-Howley 9-8, 1-11, 2-0; Walker bt Thompson 9-7, 11-2; Smaill bt Moana 10-4, 9-5.

Quarterfinals: Harvey bt Chisholm 11-2, 8-2; Brown bt Nowell 0-10, 9-7, 2-0; Flynn bt O'Connor 6-8, 12-3, 2-0; Walker bt Smaill 8-4, 7-7.

Semifinals: Harvey bt Brown 6-5, 3-11, 2-1; Walker bt Flynn 8-7, 7-3.

Final: Bryan Harvey (Southland) v Ken Walker (Dunedin) to be played August 20.

Scottish Singles Qualifier

1st round: Neville Ward bt Andy McLean 7-5, 9-5; Martin Kreft bt Robbie Ashton 14-2, 10-2; Carl Street bt Gareth Seddon 10-2, 8-6; Mitchell Scott bt David Natta 3-12, 8-7, 2-0; Sacha Taylor bt Nick Buttar 3-10, 9-8, 2-0; Hilda Bennett bt Cameron Wood 12-4, 4-14, 2-0; Nigel Thompson bt Tane Loper 13-3, 6-6; Grant Fleury bt J.P Kritzinger 12-6, 6-8, 2-0; Chris Simpson bt Andrew Smaill 6-8, 11-9, 2-0; David Chisholm bt Sue Smeaton 4-9, 9-1, 2-1; Oliver Mason bt Anna Louw 10-6, 12-3; Graham Cook bt Louise Natta 13-1, 9-7; Murray Wilson bt Bill Hinton 7-9, 10-2 2-1; Russell Dawe bt Liam O'Connor 11-6, 8-4; Ethan Flynn bt John Moana 12-2, 11-5; Lou Robinson bt William McEwan 12-7, 7-7; Brent McEwan bt Ross Brown 6-5, 7-6; Niel Louw bt Adam McGregor 7-6, 1-9, 2-1; Jason King bt Brent Webster 11-2, 1-11, 2-1; Bruce McDowell bt Moana Oliver 9-4, 10-2; Cameron McKean bt Grant Simpson 7-7, 8-7; Peter Fleury bt Bryan Harvey 2-11, 8-5, 2-1; Andrew McCallum bt David Charlton 7-5, 13-6; Jeff Nowell bt Mitch Cook by default.

2nd round: Sheldon Bagrie-Howley bt Robbie Green 7-5, 8-5; Alister Young bt Brent Taggart 5-5, 9-3; Tommy McGregor bt Dean Matheson 8-5, 3-9, 2-1; Leo Brett bt Ken Walker 12-3, 7-11, 2-1; Kreft bt Ward 11-4, 11-5; Street bt Scott 10-0, 9-4; Bennett bt Taylor 10-7, 6-5; Thompson bt G.Fleury 10-5, 8-8; Chisholm bt Simpson 8-6, 9-4; G.Cook bt O.Mason 9-8, 10-5; Dawe bt Wilson 12-4, 6-10, 2-1; Flynn bt Robinson 7-5, 8-5; B.McEwan bt N.Louw 9-7, 9-8; King bt McDowell 1-12, 13-3, 2-1; McKean bt P.Fleury 10-7, 9-11, 2-1; McCallum bt Nowell 8-7, 7-7.

3rd round: Bagrie-Howley bt Young 9-4, 10-5; T.McGregor bt Brett 10-1, 8-7; Kreft bt Street; 8-7, 8-5; Thompson bt Bennett 15-2, 10-2; Chisholm bt G.Cook 9-6, 7-4; Flynn bt Dawe 8-4, 8-6; McEwan bt King 10-4, 7-8, 2-0; McCallum bt McKean 10-1, 9-4.

Quarterfinals: Bagrie-Howley bt T.McGregor 9-4, 9-5; Kreft bt Thompson 6-7, 8-5, 2-0; Flynn bt Chisholm 12-2, 8-9, 2-1; McCallum bt B.McEwan 9-4, 7-6.

Semifinals: Bagrie-Howley bt Kreft 12-6, 12-4; Flynn bt McCallum 2-7, 8-3, 2-1.

Final: Sheldon Bagrie-Howley (Southland) bt Ethan Flynn (Central Otago) 11-4, 9-9.

Sheldon Bagrie-Howley will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Waverley Club, Invercargill

Shanghai Singles Qualifier

Final: Brent Thomson (Southland) 31 bt Debbie Jackson (Central Otago) 23 and Bevan Clark (Southland) 21.

Brent Thomson will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

Ranking Singles

1st round: Bruce Ross bt Noel Peachey by default; Peter Bain bt Paul Russell 12-8, 10-4; Thomas Cockerill bt Aaron Tribe 10-5, 15-5; Darron Wolland bt Emma Cathcart 8-3, 8-3.

2nd round: Bain bt Ross 12-2, 8-4; Cockerill bt Wolland 10-4, 7-7; Zoe Beck bt Diane Drake 13-6, 10-5; Richie Muir bt Emma Drake 13-2, 10-3; David Bean bt Brent Thomson 9-2, 10-4; Simon Clegg bt Peter Dunne 11-3, 7-7; Ben McHugh bt Matt Tautari 2-13, 7-6, 2-1; Sue Dillon bt Kelvin Jackson 4-6, 14-5, 2-1; Lyall Spencer bt Wendy Sutherland by default; Bevan Clark bt Debbie Jackson 9-1, 11-2; Craig Merrilees bt Jason Wheal 8-6, 11-1; Allen Eastwood bt Shane Spencer 9-2, 9-6; Julie O'Connell bt Tina Johansen 11-5, 8-4; Craig Tinker bt Thomas Eruera 13-3, 8-4; Bob Johansen bt Alan Smith 10-4, 12-3; Kerry Heffer bt Mark Smith 4-7, 10-4, 2-0.

3rd round: Bain bt Cockerill 11-4, 8-4; Muir bt Beck 11-2, 12-5; Bean bt Clegg 11-8, 12-3; Dillon bt McHugh 11-3, 4-7, 2-0; Clark bt Spencer 9-6, 10-5; Merrilees bt Eastwood 5-8, 13-5, 2-0; Tinker bt O'Connell 8-2, 10-4; B.Johansen bt Heffer 10-5, 7-4.

Quarterfinals: Muir bt Bain 9-3, 7-3; Dillon bt Bean 10-4, 10-3; Merrilees bt Clark 11-3, 11-4; Tinker bt B.Johansen 8-5, 14-1.

Semifinals: Muir bt Dillon 7-6, 10-6; Merrilees bt Tinker 5-10, 8-6, 2-1.

Final:Richie Muir (Central Otago) v Craig Merrilees (Southland) yet to be played.

Scottish Singles Qualifier

1st round: Aaron Tribe bt Wendy Sutherland by default; Debbie Jackson bt Emma Cathcart 15-0, 14-3; Kelvin Jackson bt Matt Tautari 6-4, 8-3; Kerry Heffer bt Diane Drake 10-4, 11-3; Noel Peachey bt Julie O'Connell 7-4, 8-4.

2nd round: D.Jackson bt Tribe 4-9, 10-5, 2-0; Heffer bt K.Jackson 12-5, 11-9; Peachey bt Ben McHugh 5-4, 10-6; Jason Wheal bt Alan Smith 11-9, 13-4; Simon Clegg bt Sue Dillon 6-5, 7-5; Bevan Clark bt Mark Smith 8-4, 9-5; Thomas Cockerill bt Zoe Beck 11-2, 8-8; Richie Muir bt Thomas Eruera 14-3, 15-3; Craig Merrilees bt Peter Bain 9-3, 10-1; Craig Tinker bt Tina Johansen 14-2, 10-6; David Bean bt Bruce Ross 14-8, 13-5; Allen Eastwood bt Shane Spencer 4-9, 13-4, 2-1; Lyall Spencer bt Paul Russell 6-6, 9-4; Peter Dunne bt Darron Wolland by default; Emma Drake bt Bob Johansen 12-5, 10-5; Brent Thomson bt Doug Coombes 5-6, 10-8, 2-1.

3rd round: D.Jackson bt Heffer 13-1, 6-5; Wheal bt Peachey 10-5, 11-7; Clark bt Clegg 11-3, 4-7, 2-0; Cockerill bt Muir 6-3, 11-0; Merrilees bt Tinker 8-10, 9-3, 2-1; Bean bt Eastwood 11-3, 10-4.

Quarterfinals: Wheal bt D.Jackson 6-9, 8-1, 2-1; Cockerill bt Clark 9-4, 8-6;
Bean bt Merrilees 3-10, 7-3, 2-0; Thomson bt Spencer 8-6, 4-11, 2-1.
Semifinals: Cockerill bt Wheal 6-10, 6-5, 2-0; Bean bt Thompson 9-5, 6-10, 2-1.
Final: David Bean (Southland) bt Thomas Cockerill (Southland) 9-7, 11-10.
David Bean will play at PBA Finals Weekend in Invercargill Sep 15-17.

